

IDAHO PLUMBING BOARD MEETING

February 17, 2006

***Draft Minutes of the February 17, 2006 Meeting Of the Idaho Plumbing Board**

Note: The following report is not intended to be a verbatim transcript of the discussions at the meeting, but is intended to record the significant features of those discussions.

The February 17, 2006, meeting of the Idaho Plumbing Board was called to order by Chairman Ray Coon at 9:00a.m. The meeting was held in Meridian, Idaho, at the office of the Division of Building Safety. Those attending were:

BOARD MEMBERS: Ray Coon, Chairman
Bob Livesay, Vice Chairman
Ben Schooley
Milford Terrell

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: N/A

DBS STAFF MEMBERS: John McAllister, DBS Administrator
Kay Christensen, Deputy Attorney General
Steve Keys, Building Bureau Chief
Ted Hogander, HVAC/Plumbing Bureau Chief
Bob Rawlings
Rusty Boyer
Al Caine
Renee Bryant

OTHERS PRESENT:

Brian Schneider, Contractor
Mark Hosick, Apprentice
Scott Sparrell, Journeyman – A-1 Plumbing
Dan Long, A-1 Plumbing
Randy Powell, RNR Plumbing
Kevin Wickstrom, Journeyman
Burton Waite, Prof – Tech ED.
Rod Clay, SWIDP & PFJATC
Scott Canning, City of Boise
Dennis Butterfield, Meridian Plumbing
Lane Rich, Inselman Plumbing
Kevin Hineosle, City of Caldwell
A.J. Maupin, DEQ
Dan Ediger, Ediger Plumbing
John D. Hawks, Blue Ribbon Plumbing
Burton Friesz, Burton Plumbing Mr. Rooter Plmb.
Rol Jensen, 3rd Generation Plumbing
Shawn Overall, Overall Plumbing
Charlie Kraretz, Moody's Plumbing
Mary Pera, Pera's Plumbing
Chuck Compton, Wayne

Steve Sawyer, Falcon
Jerry Peterson, Building Trades
Ed Howland, BSU
Dave Logan, Ada County
Virgil Butler, Butler Plumbing
Mike Wisdom, Engineering, Inc.
Dusty Bledsoe, Drake Plumbing
Kenny Calkins, PHCCNA
Don Burton, Kinetico Quality Water
Bruce VanCamp, Culligan
Mike Glover, Culligan
Dennis Holk, DMH
Lee Price, Boise City
Marion Moody, Moody's Plumbing
Corey W. Mundy, Apprentice
John Kierce, Journeyman
Dan Bodam, Contractor
Ritchie Thompson, Culligan
Rod Samuelson, State Plumbing Inspect.
Russ Bartlett, Master Plumbing
Kord Dickson, Master Plumbing

Jenifer Gilliland, City of Boise
Bill Ridgeway, Ridgway Industrial
Rod Fuger, UA Local 648
Gary Ziegler, Boise Mfg.

Dennis Seymour, North Idaho College
Mike Breed, UA Local 648
Rosie Rosco, BSU

Prior to the meeting getting started, Ray Coon asked that the Agenda be changed with respect to the order of the topics. Ray wanted Kay Christensen's topic before A. J. Maupin's. He also requested Rosie report after Kay.

AGENDA

Milford Terrell made a motion for unanimous consent to change the Agenda. Bob Livesay seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.

MINUTES

Milford Terrell made a motion to accept as presented with any corrections the September 9, 2005 Minutes. Ben Schooley seconded, and the motion carried with Bob Livesay abstaining.
Milford Terrell made a motion to accept as presented with any corrections or additions the December 23, 2005 Emergency Board Meeting minutes. Ben Schooley seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.

STATUS ON RULES

Kay reported the Fee Rule and Seismic Strapping Rule have been approved by the Legislature. The Docket number (07.026.0502) ¾ inch drain rule, has been published in the Administrative Bulletin February 1, 2006, but will not be reviewed by the Legislature and possibly made a permanent rule until next year. Docket number 07.02.0501, the Apprentice Registration and Supervision rule was vacated. Milford Terrell said that the Plumbing Board has two pieces of legislation that are before the House at the present time, and he thought it was the proper time to discuss them. This legislation affects this Board. One is **HB 651** which would establish a residential plumbing license. The other **HB 553** affects the Apprenticeship schooling.

There was a lengthy discussion involving **HB(553)**, Bob Corbell's involvement, and a meeting last year between Dave Munroe and Mike Rush from the State Board of Education. Steve Keys stated that there is no involvement of the Division of Building Safety and this Legislation. Milford asked that this Board take action today to direct John McAllister or Steve Keys to testify to the fact this legislation was not brought before the proper authorities, it wasn't something ok'd through this Board. Ray Coon then brought up **HB(651)**. It will allow someone to become a plumber in the housing industry without any experience. Ray is personally against this and many people he has talked to are against it also. He has heard the bill could soon be before the legislature. Ray passed a copy of a letter around to the Board and audience, and then read the letter out loud.

MOTION

Milford stated he had two motions to put before the Board. Milford moved the Board take a position opposing **HB(553)** on the grounds the legislation was not initially brought to the attention of the Board and it requests a change in the educational approval process that does not reflect the Boards perspective. Bob Livesay seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.

Milford moved the Board authorize representatives of the Division of Building Safety to communicate the Boards negative opinions of **HB(553)** to the appropriate Legislative Committees. Ben Schooley seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.

DISCUSSION

Ray asked Kay if she could draft language on **HB(651)** reflecting the Board's disapproval. Milford suggested Kay write the same two motions for this bill as were written for **HB (553)**.

MOTION

Milford moved the Board would take the position of opposing **HB(651)** on the grounds the legislation was not brought to the attention of this Board and it requested change in the education approval process that does not reflect the Boards perspective. All were in favor, motion passed. Kay also stated Milford was moving that this Board authorize representatives of the Division of Building Safety to communicate the Board's negative opinion of **HB(651)** to the appropriate legislative committee. Milford so moved, Bob Livesay seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.

Jerry Peterson (Idaho Building Trades) spoke about another bill that affects all the trades. It was presented as an RS, returned to its sponsor and now is in the process of being rewritten and will be introduced through a Privileged Committee. This bill is being sponsored by Roy Eiguren; he is a lobbyist for CNA and Western Surety. Last year there was a proposal to add \$300,000 liability insurance to Plumbing and HVAC. Prior to that, only the Electricians were required to have \$300,000 liability insurance. That Bill passed the House and went on to the Senate. The Senate stopped it because part of that bill eliminated the \$2,000 Bond. This bill is a result of what happened last year. It is a hybrid Bond, a mix of compliance and performance and unfortunately the legislation does not define how this is going to work or who is going to be responsible.

Mr. Peterson stated when Roy Eiguren presented the bill, he said everybody in the trades was aware of it and he knew of no opposition to it. The reality is no one knew anything about it. Jerry made a few phone calls and confirmed no one knew anything about this. It was sent back to its sponsors, and they promised to rewrite and introduce it through state affairs, Bill Deal is the Chairman of State Affairs and he is also involved in the writing of this RS, so Jerry believes it will be rewritten and reintroduced. At that point it will either be sent back through the Business Committee or possibly stay in State Affairs.

Milford asked Jerry if he has checked what a \$10,000 Bond will cost? About a \$400.00 item? Jerry answered the last time he talked to Max Black and Bob Corbell; the insurance industry had agreed to keep the cost between \$5.00-\$10.00 per \$1,000 with a maximum of \$20.00 per \$1,000 per year. At the \$2,000 limit we are at right now, he doesn't know of anyone that had been denied a Bond. Sureties are going to require financial reports or credit reports. They have already said in testimony it will affect new people coming into the trades because they have no experience rating. Milford asked Jerry to keep this Board informed as to when this bill gets a number on it. Also keep John McAllister up to date on this matter.

DRINKING WATER TREATMENT RESIDUALS

A.J. Maupin from the DEQ made his PowerPoint presentation regarding drinking water treatment residuals (on-site waste water). Maupin explained he had just taken over this position in October 2004. He's doing his best to figure out a solution for the builders who are trying to give their clients a facility they need and still be protective of the environment. A.J. has pledged to keep in contact with the Board and Bureau if issues come up.

Waterless Urinals was the next topic. Dave Logan from Ada County explained the urinals and is proposing a Weed & Pest Control facility in Meridian be a lead Silver building. The new facility is located just north of this location, on Pine Street. The County looks at construction, maintenance and how the County operates the building. Ada County plans on putting (2) urinals in the men's locker room, to be used by workers. The urinals will be put installed within (2) weeks. Steve Sawyer from Falcon, manufacturer of waterless urinals demonstrated how the urinals are supposed to work.

MOTION

Milford made a motion this Board approve test sites for waterless urinals: the request of Ada County Weed and Pest Control District, the existing facility in North Idaho, and a site possibly in Eastern Idaho (if requested). Operational reports must be made to the Board no later than one year from this meeting. Bob Livesay seconded, all aye. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Steve Keys went over the supplemental appropriation. Milford asked for a review of the budget for the next year. The Plumbing Bureau has not seen the Division of Building Safety's budget request sent to JFAC. Milford is asking the proposal be mailed out to the Board members. John McAllister stated he would mail out the proposal and the PowerPoint presentation.

REPORT FROM ROSIE ROSCO

The Larry Sellend College of Applied Technology will vacate the BSU campus. Center for Workforce Training will be the first to go; going to Nampa. There may possibly be a new building at BSU West. Rosie is asking for this Board's support due to the fact many other community colleges are trying to move into this area and offer these classes. The BSU program has 1031 full-time students in the Professional Technical programs. There are 15, 000 students in the non-credit programs, which is where the Apprenticeship programs reside. The costs are the same for credit or non-credit. The community colleges costs will be lower. Rosie wants to continue the 8 year plan for the full-time program.

Ben Schooley asked Dennie Seymour to introduce herself and report on the North Idaho Apprenticeship program. Dennie is the Director for Workforce Development at North Idaho College. Right now, NIC is running both a Saturday full first year class and also a Monday night class because they have enough students to run both. Most of the classes are on Saturdays. The students come in every other Saturday from 8-5. NIC runs a pretty tight ship with strict attendance, and no make-up work allowed. It is an excellent program with excellent instructors. Dennie pleaded for people to get involved with instructing, as NIC is having a difficult time finding new instructors.

OLD CAREER APPRENTICES

Right now, Plumbing has 702 registered Apprentices, 53 of those have more than four years of registration, some of those are attending school, or have quit Plumbing and come back into the trade. 6.5 % of the Apprentices have over four years and have not taken/passed the Journeyman exam.

MOTION

Milford made a motion to accept the tentative meeting schedule. Ben Schooley seconded, all Ayes. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

The MOA was extended through 6/30/07. For the purpose of allowing the Division of Building Safety to approach the legislature next session and try to have all problems addressed as far as conflict between Electrical, Plumbing and HVAC codes. Jeff Fitzloff has a PowerPoint presentation on training between Electrical, Plumbing and HVAC. This item will be added to Agenda for the April meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Al Caine, Licensing Supervisor for the Division of Building Safety, reported Stephanie Lewis with BSU contacted him two weeks ago, letting him know it will be hard to support Plumbing exams in North and Eastern Idaho since Electrical/HVAC are through ICC. Dennie stated NIC is capable of testing. NIC has A full-time proctor. The BSU assessment contract is through June 2006. There could be issues to work through as far as maintaining test sites. Ray asks that at next Board meeting, the Agenda have an item regarding test sites.

MOTION

Milford made the motion that this Board adjourn into Executive Session for purpose of discussing personnel issues as authorized by the Idaho Code, 67-2345 I & B, complaints against a DBS employee. Roll Call, Ray Coon Aye, Bob Livesay Aye, Ben Schooley Aye, Milford Terrell Aye.
All were in favor, motion passed.

Milford made motion that this meeting adjourn. All Aye, adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Steve Keys, Building Bureau Chief

Date

John A. McAllister, Administrator
Division of Building Safety

Date

Ray Coon, Chairman
Plumbing Board

Date